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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
 Masato HIGASHI : Confirmation Number: 3423
 Application No.: 09/673,628 : Group Art Unit: 2164
 Filed: December 08, 2000 : Examiner: Samuel G. Rimell

For: DISK SYSTEM AND METHOD OF UPDATING FIRMWARE

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
 Also attached:

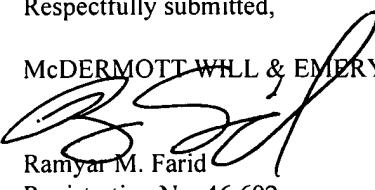
The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	15	20	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	5	5	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00.
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 17, 2006, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.